Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, William A. Gordon has devoted over 44 years of service to the state of South Dakota, which started with a drafting job for the Highway Department in September 1962; and,

Whereas, Bill's formal career began with the Preconstruction Division in the Urban and Traffic Section, advancing to Project Engineer in 1977; and,

Whereas, After leaving the Urban and Traffic Section, Bill served the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the Plans Office in the Right-Of-Way Section advancing to Transportation Project Engineer in the renamed Road Design Office where he diligently interpreted existing plats and property documents to establish the location of existing property lines; and,

Whereas, Bill was instrumental in developing consistent Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) procedures for establishing existing right-of-way for plans and plats; and,

Whereas, Bill has been involved in a wide variety of activities, including trick water skiing, fishing, hunting, bowling (1985 SDDOT Tournament Champion), speed walking, walking backwards, movie and TV trivia and golfing (twice SDDOT League Champion); and,

Whereas, Bill truly enjoys his work, but now the time has come for him to retire in order to devote more time to golf, remodel his house and do other household tasks, travel with his wife, Pat, of 44 years, and to enjoy his sons and grandson; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2006, as

WILLIAM A. GORDON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, colleagues and many friends in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State